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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, copies of which are not being provided herewith because, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies were previously provided in U.S. Serial No. 09/133,728, filed August 13, 1998, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Copies of newly cited references are provided.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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